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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DALE ARNOLD.

Petitioner

CIVIL NO. 1:00-CV-0775

v.

(JUDGE KANE) /

FREDERICK FRANK,

BRADFORD COUNTY DISTRICT

ATTORNEY and ATTORNEY GENERAL

OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF

PENNSYLVANIA,

Respondents

(MAGISTRATE JUDGE SMYSER)

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RESPONDENT'S RESPONSE TO PETITIONER'S OBJECTIONS TO REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE

TO THE HONORABLE YVETTE KANE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

The Office of Attorney General, on behalf of the respondent, makes the following response to the *habeas* petitioner's objections to the report and recommendation of the magistrate judge filed September 7, 2001:

The extensive, comprehensive, and detailed report and recommendation of Magistrate Smyser adequately and correctly deals with petitioner's claims in accordance with the legal decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States as those decisions pertain to federal *habeas* matters.

WHEREFORE, respondent respectfully requests this court to adopt the report and recommendation of Magistrate Smyser filed September 7, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am this day serving one copy of the foregoing Respondent's Response to Petitioner's Objections to Report and Recommendation of The Magistrate Judge upon the persons and in the manner indicated below, which service satisfies the requirements of Pa.R.A.P. 121:

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